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■ **SUMMERFEST:** Juried art show taking place

Art is heart and soul of a community

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

The spirit of the Niagara Region will come to life in Peace Park.

"Artists are the heart and soul of community and they reflect that heart and soul, so when you (see it) and they produce, you see what's important and valued in the community," Patricia Hafar said.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Organizer of Summerfest's Art in the Park Patricia Hafar is busy preparing for the juried four-day show in Pelham's Peace Park, which starts Thursday, July 18, at 4 p.m.

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■ CHANGES: Website being updated as well

Pelham's brand takes in whole town

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Pelham is still a vibrant and caring community as its saying suggests, but the town has a fresh new look.

The town's new logo, which was unveiled at the beginning of July, implies all the things Pelham is looking for and it highlights the five different communities as one cohesive unit. Mayor Dave Augustyn said over the phone in an interview with the Tribune.

The town's new logo, a circle with has five different colours — red, purple, orange, forest green and lime green — represent different aspects of Pelham.

"It (the logo) includes landmarks and features that are really in keeping with the community."

The green for instance represents the Fonthill Kame, an important piece of agricultural land in Pelham,

Augustyn said.

The new logo is part of the town's branding process that it has undertaken and hired Chimpanzee, a Niagara-based company, to complete the process. The company researched and identified common themes, unique community events, and heritage and culture in Pelham to develop a colour palette and logo as part of a signature brand for the town.

If the public hasn't already seen the logo, it will be unveiled at Pelham Summerfest.

But the branding process isn't finished with the creation of a new logo for Pelham, Augustyn said.

The town's new website, which is expected to be completed in the fall, is still a work in progress.

Once it's finished, Augustyn said it "will be a heck of a lot easier" to find information

on it, and send out information about public meetings and other information to the public.

New features on the town's new website will include a culture database consisting of culture and arts destinations in Pelham and a public service request program on the website allowing residents to request town staff address service and maintenance issues.

"If people see a pot hole, for example, they can actually send the information to town staff and ask for a request for service."

As part of the program, Augustyn said residents can expect to see emails notifying that their requests have been received, as well as how and when the concerns will be addressed.

carbon monoxide detectors.

About 250 combination alarms at a cost of \$12,900 have been donated to the Town of Pelham through Project Zero.

Project Zero is a public education program aimed at reducing the number of residential fires and carbon monoxide deaths to zero.

■ REGION

Council-staff bullying rules 'witch hunt'

JEFF BULCHOWSKI
QMI Agency Niagara

A move to protect Niagara Region staffers against alleged regional council bullying amounts to a "witch hunt," a St. Catharines regional councillor says.

Andy Petrowski slammed council's vote last Thursday at council to bar councillors from meeting with senior staff even first going through the CAO's office and to urge staff to file workplace harassment complaints if need be. Councillors also voted to fast-track a new code of council conduct, then waived their own rules to revise talk of an integrity commissioner.

Petrowski said the votes — coming after councillors held behind closed doors about friction between politicians and Region employees — amount to a "gag order on council."

"I think I'm probably included in the witch hunt," he said. "I will not be intimidated or bullied by either other councillors or senior staff people who think instituting these wasteful measures is somehow going to fear me into being quiet or not holding staff accountable."

The Region's top officials said the problem does not lie in any one councillor's file. Councillors did not name names when they emerged from closed ses-

sion to back the moves initiated by St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan.

"The apparent reign of terror that has gone on at the Region is over," McMullan said. He said councillors were "pretty disturbed" by what they heard.

"Regional council, I think, has sent a very strong message with respect to the conduct expected of all regional councillors."

Acting CAO Patrick Robson said he has seen some written reports of "disrespectful interactions" between council and staff.

"It's not a singular (councillor), no," he said in an interview Thursday. "There have been a number of instances that require some reflection."

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs said there's "not one there's not 10. There's issues between council and staff, and how each respect each other. This is about a general staff belief that there's tension."

Council's move will encourage staff to file complaints under Ontario's Bill 168, which addresses workplace harassment, based on previous incidents.

Last Friday, Robson said that bill applies to councillors. "What we've told (staff) is, 'You need to be aware this will be pursued and we encourage you to pursue them.'"

Under the Municipal Act,

only an integrity commissioner has the power to penalize councillors who break their rules. Robson said the Region wants the province to give the Act more teeth.

The vote to revive integrity commissioner talk Thursday saw council vote to ignore a rule saying they can't reconsider issues without giving advance notice. Reconsidering was ultimately unnecessary, as they had not voted to reject a commissioner before.

But Niagara Falls Coun. Bart Maves called the process "kind of odd."

"You suspend all the rules. You waive all notions of motion in order to reconsider a code of conduct and an integrity commissioner."

Petrowski ripped the votes on Thursday as "intimidation tactics" that would beg the work of the Region down. In 2011, after a confidential memo leaked expressing concerns about council getting involved with staff, Petrowski admitted to criticizing several staff members for taking a long lunch break. He was later cleared of unsubstantiated allegations involving a run-in with a regional employee.

"Anybody can make an accusation of anybody else," Petrowski said.

"To this day, at this time, I have done nothing inappropriate with anybody."

■ pelhambriefs

CORRECTION

Jim Witter will be performing at the Thursday Night Concert Series on July 18 to kick off Pelham Summerfest. Incorrect information appeared in an article last week. Pelham News regrets the error.

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■ EDUCATION

Memories from St. Ann's school year will last long through Summer

For PelhamNews

Another school year may be over for the students and staff at St. Ann but the memories will last long through the summer.

June was another busy month for the Stallions. We started the month with Kite flying. We patiently waited for a windy day and then filled the school yard with big and little kids alike to fly our favourite kites. We all had a great time!

We also had fun on Play Day. The older students did a great job as team captains and station leaders while the younger students enjoyed activities like the parachute, limbo, balloon toss and crab soccer.

The junior boys and girls' soccer teams competed at their tournaments in Welland. We played some great games and made everyone proud. The track and field team also had their meet in Welland. It was a perfect day for competition and we came home with

another banner for the gym wall.

St. Ann has talent! Our annual talent show was a huge success this year with 26 acts. We spent an entertaining afternoon listening to singers, being awed by magicians, laughing with comedians, enjoying piano and guitar music and much more.

We did lots of travelling in June to celebrate a successful school year. The junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten classes walked to Centennial Park for a morning of fun and games. Thank you to the Fabulous Fenwick Lions for our barbecue lunch.

The students in Grades 1 to 3 travelled to Safari Niagara to go wild with the animals and cool down in the splash pad while grades 4-8's spent a day at Wild Water Works for the "best trip ever." Thank you to all the parent volunteers who joined us and helped these trips run smoothly.

As the year comes to a close we need to say goodbye to some important people.



Isaac Federico can't help but smile while playing underneath a parachute.

Supplied photo

First, the Grade 8 graduates. We hope your time at St. Ann has been enjoyable and educational. We wish you all the best as you continue your career at high school. A fond farewell to our principal, Mr. Scaringi, who has been at St. Ann for six years. Mr.

Scaringi has had a very positive influence at St. Ann and we will miss seeing his smiling face in the hallways.

Finally, congratulations and goodbye to Ms. Botari as she retires from St. Ann after 25 years. Ms. Botari will be fondly remembered for her

many contributions to St. Ann including but not limited to Queen's Court, Fall Fair, baked goods, apple cores for Tiger, kite days and many, many more. We wish you a blessed and happy retirement.



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Lucas Riley watches as his kite flies high in the sky.



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■ AT THE LIBRARY

Library staff learn how to use new catalogue

Having spent some time learning to use the new version of the Evergreen catalogue, which was adopted on June 19, I would like to share some of its features with you.

Starting with the simple search screen, enter the exact name of the author and title and see what you get. I am going to use James Patterson, because I know we have lots of his books, and I am going to choose the format audio books, because that makes the number of hits more manageable.

My search netted 35 hits with up to 10 per page. The entry for each book gives the title and date published, how many discs there are, which branch holds it, the shelving location, its call number, whether it is available or not, and how many copies we own. Generally speaking, that is all you need, but with a prolific author like Patterson, you may wish to organize the titles in alphabetical or date order by choosing relevance. If you need more details about any entry you can choose "show more" or "return to the short entry" using "show fewer" option or limit your hits to available items which



FRAN GILES

PELHAM LIBRARY

reduces the total to 31 because 4 are checked out.

Go to advanced search if you have a subject but are lacking either author or title or both.

On any of the search screens, "My Account" is in yellow in the top right corner. Click on that and enter your library card number and password (last four digits of your phone number unless you have chosen to change it). That gives you a summary of your record.

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■ SUMMERFEST: Plans on the go



DAVE AUGUSTYN

MANAGERIAL VIEW

Next weekend - Thursday, July 18 to Sunday, July 21 - I hope you will join in the fun, art, food, music and great community spirit at the Third Annual Pelham Summerfest!

Summerfest started in 2011 as a one-day celebration following the lengthy reconstruction of Downtown Fonthill. It grew to a four-day festival in 2012 and welcomed more than 25,000 people. Building on previous years and improving all components, this year's festival promises to be the best four days of free family fun yet!

Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

p.m. will be the Summerfest Opener when Summerfest will add even more to the already amazing weekly Farmers Market and Bandshell Concert. While Jim Witte, known as "the Flano Man", takes the bandshell stage, Summerfest will add Art in the Park with dozens of local artists showcasing their talents and an artisan beer and a local vine garden. Thursday will also be the start of the Community Art Wall project.

Friday, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. will be Pelham Night of Arts & Teen Movie Night. This will be the time to celebrate art in all forms, from music to dance to dramatic and visual art. In addition to the Art in the Park, the stage will include live, local musicians and dramatists. Summerfest will also host a Teen Movie Night "under the arches and outdoor patio in Downtown Fonthill will be open late.

Saturday, July 20th from 10 p.m. to midnight will be an action-packed, community day featuring more food and non-food vendors than previous years.

Summerfest will provide a wide range of activities including buskers, a kid's zone with more bouncers and entertainment, reptiles and a puppet theatre. The Main Stage will include Fonthill Music Academy and a Zumba challenge and will later feature Niagara bands. Local service clubs will run a beer garden under the arches and Art in the Park will continue with music on a second stage in Peace Park.

On Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summerfest will include Art in the Park and Community Pancake Breakfast that will be prepared by the travelling Enbridge crew and that will have blues bands. Finally, you

can work off those pancakes with a family fun walk.

On behalf of Council and the community, thank you to numerous sponsors and the 2013 Summerfest Committee for their vision, hard-work, and dedication! Thank you to Councillor Gary Accursi, chair; Todd Barber, from the Downtown Beautification Committee; Ben Clark, Pelham Active Transportation Committee; Kathleen Goodman, Pelham / Welland Chamber of Commerce; John Wink, Pelham Business Association; and Vickie van Ravenswaay, and other Town of Pelham staff.

I hope you and your family and friends will participate in this year's Summerfest!

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

■ REAL ESTATE

Low supply working to drive up prices



CATHY BERKHOUT-BOSSE

REAL ESTATE VIEW

The 12-month average price of a home in Pelham rose again in June.

The 2012 annual average price of the MLS' sales reports of the Niagara Association of REALTORS' our current local average of \$338,174 is up 4.8% from the \$322,614 recorded in June 2012.

The current rise in prices is largely fuelled by an inadequate supply of active listings (houses on the market). The overall inventory of homes for sale across Niagara stood at a five year low as of the end of June.

With continued low interest rates spurring buyers, the local demand for housing has stayed

at sufficient levels and is outpacing supply.

This past June there were 25 residential sales in Pelham representing an 8.7% increase over last year's total of 23 for the month. Year-to-date home sales are up a whopping 19.4% with 123 units sold so far this year, compared to 103 as of the end of June 2012.

This figure reflects the best start to the year since 2007 when the first half total reached 137 units sold. Total transaction levels during the same time frame in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 were 114, 109, 120 and 96 respectively.

Across Niagara the 12 month Average price continues to climb even though unit sales levels are on the decline. With 3320 single family sales reported so far this year compared to the 3430 recorded in 2012 year-to-



date activity is down 3.2%.

The 12-month average price in Niagara reached \$245,183 in June - up 2.7% over the 2012 June Year-to-Date figure of \$238,691.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

President of the Pelham Minor Baseball Association Craig Gemmel, left, hands batman player Braden Bachur a hot dog at the associations second annual PMBA Summer Bash in Peace Park. The Barbecue gives the baseball community time to spend with each other and meet local residents. Funds raised from the barbecue help purchase equipment for the players.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS



**THIS WEEKEND...
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Pelham Summerfest 2013 - Thursday, July 18 until Sunday, July 21

Thursday "Summerfest Opener" 4pm-10pm - Art in the Park; BandShell Concert; Farmers' Market; Beer & Wine Garden in Peace Park
Friday "Pelham Night of Art & Teen Movie Night" 4pm-11pm - Community Art Wall; Live Music; Movie Under the Arches; Beer & Wine Garden
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■ ART



VICTORIA GRAY Staff
St. Catharines artist
Jared Robinson is
getting ready to
show his work at
Summerfest's Art in
the Park. The
juried four-day show
in Pelham's Peace
Park which starts
Thursday, July 18 at
4 p.m.

Festivals bring community together

FROM PAGE 1

The organizer of Summerfest's Art In The Park knows summer festivals bring the community together to show off many talents and give families a good time.

So sharing that spirit through art is a perfect match for the festival.

The second year of the juried show has 22 artists, with 18 returning and four new, for the four-day show which runs Thursday, July 18 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, July 19 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Pelham's Peace Park in Pelham Town Square.

Works in the show range from oils and acrylic to pottery, jewelry and mixed media from all over the region.

Jared Robinson, a St. Catharines acrylic,

water colour, oil and pastel painter returns to the show this year because it was a well run show and he enjoyed the setting.

"It was a really nice atmosphere because it really was a full service show," he said. "There was music, a beer garden and a place for the kids to play all in the same vicinity. It was great."

New artists include Franz Rood a Baku artist who kiln fires pottery with different types of wood inside the kiln to produce a unique look.

Lauren Ellis is also new to the show and she will display her graphite works as well as Camille Rose with her gouache paintings.

"We're really lucky to have such great talent in the area and it's important to show that to the community," Hafar said.

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Pelham Cares



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■ GARDEN TOUR

Garden tour an educational experience

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

Denise Evans wants to put a pond in her garden, but she doesn't know exactly how she would like it to look.

She attended Pelham's 12th annual Communities in Bloom garden tour on Saturday to get some ideas and inspiration.

Evans hoped homeowners could give her some tips and tricks of the gardening trade while she was there as well.

"We have a strange lot with lots of pine trees and no grass," she said. "We have lots of hostas and things, but I'd love something like this (pond)."

Coordinator of the town's recreation, culture and wellness Jessica Ruddell said there were 10 homes on this year's tour with spectacular gardens.

"Walking around someone's house into their yard is like finding this hidden oasis you didn't know was there," she said. "It's very tranquil and calming."

Many of the large gardens were created by homeowners. One of the gardens on a Christmas tree farm has a 150 ft pond with its own windmill to circulate air to discourage algae growth.

Deb and Luke Bastien on Church St.

In Fenwick have a shaded garden with a pond.

Ruddell said they wanted a low maintenance, but beautiful garden so they incorporated many different varieties of hostas and other leafy greens that like the shade.

Ruddell said the tour helps raise funds for the communities in bloom committee, but it also gives residents a chance to exchange ideas and get to know one another.

Diane Laprise she and her friends have gone on the tour for about nine years because she enjoys seeing the creativity in other people's gardens.

She just retired and hopes to have more time to experiment in her own garden.

"Homeowners are really helpful when you ask them," she said. "I'm really looking for river rock and things, but everything is very beautiful."

Ruddell said there's nothing like spending a day outside in a garden.

"It's a fun way to spend a day," she said. "You're surrounded by beauty and it's very relaxing."

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Dorothy McCarthy attended Pelham's 12th annual Garden Tour because she loves getting ideas for her small garden and seeing everyone's beautiful flowers.

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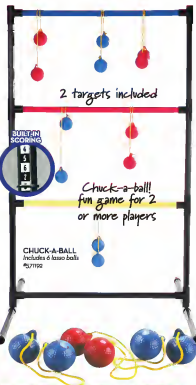
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■ **CYCLING:** GranFondo Canada gearing up for first-ever ride in region

GranFondo ride in Niagara 'a perfect fit'

RAY SPITERI
QMI Agency Niagara

NIAGARA FALLS — Up to 3,000 cyclists could take over parts of Niagara in September as one of the biggest players in Canada for large-scale group cycling events gears up for its inaugural ride in the region.

GranFondo Canada officials estimate between 2,000-3,000 cyclists will take a ride through Niagara

Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold and Pelham Sept. 14. The 127-kilometre ride will start and finish at the falls and will require many roads, including the Niagara Pkwy., to be temporarily closed.

"GranFondo is to cycling what marathon is to running," said director of business development Dean Hachey. "It's a celebration of cycling, a festival-like atmosphere, very European."

The Niagara Falls ride —

which Hachey insists is not a competitive race — was three years in the making.

With past events in Whistler, B.C., and Banff, Alta., Hachey said the time is right for GranFondo Canada to come to another picturesque Canadian city.

Riders will enjoy car-free roads. With numerous ups and downs on the Niagara Escarpment, the course will gain and lose more than 1,100 metres of elevation

during the 127-km distance.

Hachey said there will be eight stations throughout the course where riders can break for refreshments.

The company says road closures will be publicized through media outlets, mail-outs, door-to-door campaigns and roadside signs as the event draws nearer.

Similar cycling events were popularized in Europe and have enjoyed huge growth in North America.

GranFondo Canada announced the inaugural GranFondo Niagara Falls ride last year.

The company has a history of drawing large fields. GranFondo Canada's biggest ride, which is in its fourth year, goes from Vancouver to Whistler, B.C., and attracts around 7,000 people.

Registration for the Niagara ride opened in January and will continue until Sept. 13, when people can sign up

during a Niagara Bike and Wine Expo at the Sheraton on the Falls hotel.

There will be several GranFondo-related events on Sept. 13 and 14, including a free FamilyFondo Kids Ride at Great Wolf Lodge on Sept. 13.

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■ ART

Local artist shares artwork

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

For Beverly Sneath, painting is a peaceful activity, and it's something she feels she must do. "Sometimes, it's meditative, especially when I'm painting flowers I go off into another world."

The artist invites lovers of paintings to experience the landscapes, florals and portraits she created using water

colour and acrylic paints in art displays featured at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on Ridge Rd. in Ridgeway until July 27 and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library on Niagara Stone Rd. in Virgil until July 26.

The Pelham resident, who described herself as a "very shy" child, took to drawing and painting at a young age.

The now 59-year-old said she was placed directly into

Grade 1, without ever having attending kindergarten.

"I was small, and didn't know the alphabet but I loved drawing. Kids would always stand next to my desk to watch me, but I also hid it (my work)."

Sneath soon caught up in school, and during her childhood, she began to develop her painting skills.

"I began oil painting at 12 and I learned from Mrs. Lewis in her house on Hwy. 20."

Sneath said Mrs. Lewis was a fixture in Pelham whom everyone knew well as an artist and she began attending art classes with her cousin after school.

"I begged my dad to let me go and he bought me oil paints. My uncle would pick us up at 6 p.m. I remember I learned a lot from Mrs. Lewis. I learned how to mix colours."

When she works on an art project, Sneath said she "usually has an idea in mind" of

what she wants to create.

"Everywhere I look, there's something I want to paint or draw. I take photographs of things I want to paint and I hold onto them. I usually start off with a photograph. I copy parts of it and then I make part of it up."

Although Sneath never attend a post-secondary institution for art, she sought to learn more about her craft as a hobby, taking painting

workshops as often as she could. She is a member of the Fort Erie Arts Council, the Central Ontario Artists Association, and the Women's Art Association of Hamilton.

Sneath admits she could never stop her creative flow.

"I can't leave it alone. I really like water colours for florals. I love landscapes and portraits. Water colour has got quite a range. You can paint wet-on-wet techniques."



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■ **AUTHOR:** Story shared at Welland Library

A voyage unlike any other

SARAH FERGUSON
 PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Amongst her closest family and friends, author Sylvia Missonnette Deshailes shared her life experiences from her new book, *Un parcours pas comme les autres*.

When translated into English, the name means *A voyage unlike any other*, said the author, who held a bilingual presentation at Welland Public Library last Friday afternoon.

At 71, Deshailes has published her first book, written in French and it was released in June. In it, she describes in great detail her childhood and adolescence growing up in Welland.

She has many reasons for writing her own autobiography, which include leaving a legacy behind for her children.

"I did missionary work and every time I talked about it, people always told me I should write it down."

The author describes her life journey as anything but

a straight and narrow path. "My life is like a zig-zag," Deshailes said of why she thought readers would find her story interesting.

Before Deshailes was a missionary, she attended Coronation, Empire and Plymouth schools and completed Grade 9 at Welland High School. When went on to study at a boarding school in Sturgeon Falls as her high school in Welland would no longer offer bilingual classes.

After graduating, Deshailes joined the religious order The Daughters of Wisdom.

She also taught at a secondary school in Sturgeon Falls before working as a missionary in Papua, New Guinea and teaching English for three years.

On her return to Canada, Deshailes married her husband Rene and moved to Montreal. During the next 26 years Deshailes became a mother, city councillor, and an active member of her community.

Her life would change dramatically when Deshailes' turned 55. That's when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and fought valiantly over the next 11 years. In 2008, Deshailes discovered her breast cancer cells had spread to two other areas of her body. But she remains hopeful and continues to share the story of her life's journey.

"I'm still working at it (fighting the cancer)" to be okay. But, I am happy as can be and I remain very positive."

Deshailes' book *A voyage unlike any other* is currently only available in French but if demand grows, the author said she will translate her novel into English.

To purchase a copy of the book send an e-mail to sylvia@videotron.ca or call Fido Colombe at 905-732-6624.

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■ **PILGRIMAGE:** Local women walk the El Camino Santiago

A personal journey

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — The El Camino Santiago is not for the faint of heart.

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clothing, sleeping bags, medical supplies and food — and began a journey they will never forget as long as they live.

They didn't know each other and had only briefly spoke on the phone a few times before heading off to Spain in April to walk the ancient pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, which is known as El Camino, or the Way of St. James.

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On their journey, Martineau and Ayotte would walk anywhere from six to 12 hours a day, stopping to eat and sleep

in hostels, convents or wherever a bed was available. At each place they stopped for the night, they would have a certificate stamped to show their progress.

They say their first day on the pilgrimage was the worst with cold weather and rain, but they persisted.

"It's survival. You just keep moving one step in front of the other and the time passes," Martineau said.

Although the pilgrims both walked the path, they each traveled at their own pace, taking in the sights and sounds



SARAH FERGUSON Tribune Photo

Pictured from left Mary Ayotte, of Port Colborne, and Eileen Martineau, of Welland, show the stamps they received which says where they stopped when they walked the ancient pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

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"About 5,000 people came on the El Camino with us,

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Ken Palmateer, the Branch Manager for the Royal Bank of Canada presents a cheque to Bea Clark from the Pelham Summerfest committee. Staff from left to right join them; Leslie Upper, Kim Agnew, Karen Blazina, and Liz Love. The Royal Bank of Canada is a gold sponsor for the live music on the Art in the Park stage from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th at Pelham Summerfest.

SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FAMILY FUN WALK by the Summerfest Committee

The third annual Pelham Summerfest comes to a close on Sunday July 21st, but not before culminating in a community pancake breakfast at Peace Park in downtown Fortmill. From 9:00 am – 2:00 pm visitors can enjoy a hearty breakfast featuring various combinations of pancakes, scrambled eggs, cheese, hash-browns, ham, sausage and muffins as well as coffee, tea or juice, for the great price of \$5.00. Enbridge Gas will be generously supplying the equipment and chef, while Pelham's very own town council, Mayor CAO and other senior staff will be serving the meal. Giant FM's Summer Cruiser will be covering the event and having giveaways.

Art in the Park will continue on Sunday, running from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, allowing those who didn't get a chance on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, to browse the various artists' exhibitions and perhaps have a last chance to purchase a piece of art from one of the fine artists.

The Art in the Park stage will be alive with the sounds of Blues thanks to sponsorship by Fortmill Dental. Enjoy the

pancake breakfast or the art exhibition while listening to this year's entertainment, featuring Gator Bait (10:00 am – 12:00 pm) and Steve Burnside (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm).

Sunday also plays host to the free Family Fun Walk sponsored by Lucchetta Homes. Registration for this event takes place on Saturday July 20th (10:00 am – 6:00 pm) in the Active Zone and on Sunday July 21st (9:30 am) in Peace Park. The walk, a short route through downtown Fortmill suitable for the whole family, takes place at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. The first 50 registrants will receive a free t-shirt.

As the last band leaves the stage and the last artist packs up their booth, the 3rd Annual Pelham Summerfest will officially have come to a close and everyone can look forward to next year's extravaganza. Please visit www.pelhamsummerfest.ca for more information and to volunteer for any of the events happening at Pelham Summerfest.

Summerfest Vendors by the Summerfest Committee

Summerfest wouldn't be Summerfest without vendors – and this year's list of participants has grown by leaps and bounds. Lining Pelham Street and occupying Peace Park, roughly 20 food and 35 retail vendors will descend upon downtown Fortmill for Summerfest's Saturday July 20th All Day Street Festival. The action starts at 10:00 am and runs until midnight, with non-stop musical groups, delicious foods, interesting retail opportunities and hands-on activities.

The town of Pelham is slowly becoming known as a culinary destination and this year's Summerfest is well-represented by many local establishments – some are staples of the community while a few are newcomers on the scene. The food will be plentiful and varied: from pizza and wings to vegetarian and organic, from down-home cooking to exotic Hawaiian fare, from hamburgers and hot dogs to pastries and ice-cream...and everything else between. Come on out and sample fare from Beaverfalls, Café on Main, Churchill Natural Meats, Country Boys Mobile Food, Country Corner Market, Gelato Village, Heavens Delights, Klap's Meats, Kool Jim's Ice Cream Truck, Mandi's Smoothies, Mel's Meats, Moka's Restaurant of Fortmill, Moximoo's, Natures Corner Bakery, Skinner's Creek Kettle Popcorn, The Lemon Maid, The Portobello Burger and Zest Restaurant.

Not to be outdone, local services and retailers have also come out to droves to offer their products and services at this year's Summerfest. Almost everything service or item a person can

think of will be represented by the vendors. Health information, nutrition products, renovations, clothing, jewellery & accessories, furniture restoration, floral arrangements, pet supplies, financial services, body & bath products and gift ideas are just a sampling of what will be offered. Check out the local services and retailers that will be represented at Summerfest: Accosted Health, AIDS Niagara, Arbonne International, Art & Home Designs, Both Brides, Big Country Raw Ltd. Bluff, Carrie-Anne Melrose Aftonhall, Delta Prana Healing and Wellness, Herbal Magic, Dentistry in the Village, Diamond Integrated Marketing, Fenwick Lions Club, Fifth Avenue Collection, Folke Afton Corp, Fortmill Baptist Church, Fortmill Dental, Fortmill Fitness, Gardens City Escortails, Giant Tiger, G&R All Trade, Hospice Niagara, In the Orchard, J&J Floral Expressions Inc., Lovell's Jewellery Design/Restoration Designs, Customized, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Minor Bros, MV Productions, Niagara Region Communications Department, Niagara Shortfalls Christian Ministries (Agape Valley Camp), Pelham Public Library, Presentations, Queensbury Securities Inc., RBC, Sadie's Lingerie, Salento Luzzi, Strid Shoes & Accessories, Summer Family Chiropractic and Style in Shades.

Saturday July 20th should prove to be a super day for Pelham in a few activities, due to your heart's content! and check out what Pelham's local services and retailers have to offer. There will be something here for everyone!

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■ **ROWING:** Crossley grad Trofym Anderson competing for Canada at world under-23 championships

The worlds await Trofym Anderson

BERND FRANKE
Pelham News

WELLAND — Trofym Anderson hopes to make several trips to the Olympics in the coming decades.

First, the Welland native wants to power an oar through the water as a member of Canada's national rowing team. After he's done competing at the world-class level he wants to parlay a sports management and business degree into a full-

time job in Switzerland working for the International Olympic Committee.



Anderson

part of a class project will be doing the same at next year's

Winter Games in Sochi, Russia and specifically would like to be involved with evaluating the cities bidding to host the quadrennial events.

But making the Olympics his life's work will have to wait a while for the E.L. Crossley graduate who just turned 21 Olympic officials at the 2012 Summer Games in London as

manages at George Washington University until 2014.

"For now, though, the plan is to finish my masters

at GW in 2015, then come back to Canada to either train or continue my education," said Anderson, who is attending the University in Washington, D.C., on a rowing scholarship.

Business also will have to wait because Anderson, a member of the Ridley Graduate Boat Club, doesn't expect to retire from competitive rowing any time soon. He recently was selected to be part of a men's coxed four that will represent Canada at

the world under-23 rowing championships in Linz, Austria, later this month.

Anderson, who is in Victoria, B.C., training with the national team and received word of his selection on his 21st birthday, competed at the under-23 worlds last year in Lithuania and has one more year of eligibility remaining before turning senior. He said competing in the Olympics isn't something he expects to accomplish in the near future.

"As of now I'm focused on finishing my undergraduate and master's degree at GW, then I'll see where I go from there. It may mean that I have to try and come out to the senior team in 2015 and train for the 2020 Olympics, but that's all contingent on me continuing to improve," he wrote in an e-mail from Victoria, where he has spent the past five weeks.

"Twenty-four is pretty young for a rower."



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